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SUBJ: DEPORTATION OF AMCIT (REV. BIGGERS, JACK)

1. REV. JACK BIGGERS, ONLY AMCIT IN MALAWI ANGLICAN CHURCH, INFORMED EMBASSY JULY 19 THAT GOM HAS CANCELLED HIS WORK PERMIT AS OF AUGUST 1, IN EFFECT DEPORTING HIM FROM COUNTRY. BIGGERS HAS BEEN IN MALAWI OFF AND ON FOR EIGHT YEARS.

2. BIGGERS BELIEVES HIS EXPULSION IS CUMULATIVE RESULT OF SEVERAL OF HIS ACTIONS. SPECIFICALLY, HE WAS QUESTIONED AT LENGTH BY MALAWI SECURITY OFFICIALS FOR HAVING REPEATED IN PRIVATE DISCUSSION WITH GOM OFFICIAL ALLEGED BBC STATEMENT BY EXILE MALAWI POLITICIAN HENRY CHIPEMBERE TO EFFECT THAT LATTER WOULD RETURN TO MALAWI WITHIN SIX MONTHS. BIGGERS RECENTLY ALSO HAD PERSONAL CONTACT WITH FOUR MEMBERS OF HIS CHURCH WHO WERE DETAINED FOR CRITICISM OF GOM. FURTHER, BIGGERS IN 1965 ASSISTED HENRY CHIPEMBERE'S FATHER, AN ANGLICAN FATHER, IN LEAVING MALAWI.

3. COMMENT: UNDER SENSITIVITY OF PRESENT MALAWI ENVIRONMENT BIGGERS' ACTIONS ARE ALL REQUIRED TO BRING ABOUT DEPORTATION. IN EVEN MORE EXTREME EXAMPLE, UK CIT LAST WEEK WAS DEPORTED FOR EXCLAIMING "RUBBISH" AT BLANTYRE DAILY TIMES HEADLINE "MALAWI BETRAYED BY BRITAIN."
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